

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

July 26, 2016

Beginning on July 22, 2016, a wildfire arose in the Santa Clarita Valley (Sand Fire), which has impacted a large area of the County. To date, the Sand Fire has caused: 1) one fatality, 2) the evacuation of thousands of residents, 3) the evacuation of large animals, 4) the destruction of eighteen structures, 5) the disruption of local transportation, 6) power outages, and 7) widespread unhealthy air quality conditions. The Sand Fire is considered unprecedented by Fire officials, and created conditions of disaster and of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property.

Several County of Los Angeles Departments have engaged in response and recovery activities including, but not limited to, fire and rescue, care and shelter, animal care and shelter, health and welfare, participation in daily coordination calls, coordination with the local residents, security for the evacuated community, and support to the local jurisdictions. Damage assessments of impacted areas including the assessment of lost and damaged structures have begun in the area.

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To date, the Sand Fire is not contained and has burned over 33,000 acres and starting on July 23, 2016, the fire began to intensify greatly. Numerous conditions have necessitated the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency within Los Angeles County, including but not limited to, the escalation of the fire, the increasing number of mandatory evacuations, concerned and displaced residents, health concerns in the community, and the need for debris removal.

This emergency will require ongoing assessment and monitoring of the impacted area to ensure the safety of all residents and responders on the scene, such as personnel from law enforcement, fire, public health, emergency management and public works as they conduct ongoing assessment and monitoring, in addition to the participation and efforts by the private sector, state and federal agencies.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FACTS, AND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2(b)(2), I MOVE THAT THE BOARD DETERMINE THAT:

1. There is a need to take immediate action to ratify the July 25, 2016, Proclamation of Local Emergency; and
2. The need to take this action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's meeting;

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- 1) Ratify the attached Proclamation made on July 25, 2016 for the Sand Fire in the Santa Clarita Valley. This proclamation shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board; and
- 2) Direct County Departments to continue to implement all assessment, assistance and monitoring efforts as applicable.

PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND REQUEST FOR A STATE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empowers the Chief Executive Officer of the County of Los Angeles to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity and the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2016, a wildfire started in Santa Clarita Valley and continues to impact the Tujunga, Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley areas of the County of Los Angeles (Sand Fire); and the Chief Executive Officer finds that beginning on July 23, 2016, conditions of disaster and of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arose as a result of the Sand Fire which has created conditions that are beyond the control of local resources; and

WHEREAS, the Sand Fire has resulted in a fatality, the mandatory displacement of residents from their homes, evacuation of large animals, destruction of structures, power outages, disruption of rail and highway transportation, and air quality issues in the area surrounding the fire and throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Chief Executive Officer that a local emergency exists throughout Los Angeles County, and that if the Board does not take action to ratify this emergency proclamation within seven days of its issuance, it shall have no further force or effect;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that during the existence of said local emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Date: July 25, 2016



Sachi A. Hamai
Chief Executive Officer